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Another look at traffic downtown

New businesses and a soon-to-open high school parking lot are forcing the city to re-evaluate adding stop signs downtown.

After Hermiston business owner **Cynthia Trainer** requested that the city put a four-way stop at the corner of Third Street and Locust Avenue, the city's engineers advised after a traffic study that adding another set of stop signs would not improve safety and could cause crashes as people rolled through without stopping. However, on Monday the council voted to perform a new traffic study in the spring after new businesses around the intersection have time to build up a larger customer base and **Hermiston School District** opens a new parking lot on the former fairgrounds. Assistant city manager **Mark Morgan** said the parking lot will have an entrance at Orchard Avenue and Fourth Street nearby, starting in January, and that could affect traffic flows in the neighborhood.

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# ONE FOR THE ROAD

## Hermiston travels to Pendleton Friday for final rivalry game

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**O**n Friday night, the "War on 84" will have one last victor. When Hermiston and Pendleton meet on the Round-Up grounds one last time it will be an equally matched showdown, which hasn't always been the case in their 95-year rivalry.

A win for Pendleton will give the Buckaroos their first playoff berth since 2014, but a win for Hermiston will mean more than just a chance at another state title. A win would cap off an all-time series that has only been in the Bulldogs' favor recently.

Over the years, league titles, winning records, and playoff berths have all been on the line, which adds to the richness of the rivals' unique history that has outlasted six major wars and eclipsed nine decades. This will be the two teams' 92nd meeting, with Hermiston only taking the upper hand in the recent millennium and winning eight of the last 13 games.

"The rivalry was a big brother, little brother type of thing," said Paul Barnett. "Finally, we were able to compete against them. For years it was a game we circled



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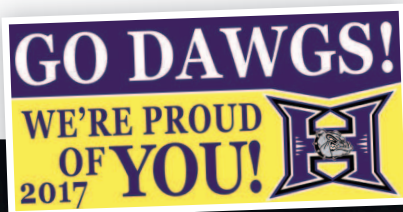
**Matt Hall takes a victory ride around the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds on the shoulders of fellow sophomore Pat Carter after the Hermiston Bulldogs beat the Pendleton Buckaroos, 27-14, in 1984 for first time since 1922.**

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on the calendar and we'd hope to come out with a win"

Barnett was a part of the Class of 2000 and traveled with the varsity team his sophomore year (1997) and senior year (1999) — both years Hermiston came away with a victory at the Round-Up grounds.

In fact, every Barnett that went on to play for Hermiston never lost a rivalry game. Paul was the oldest to make his way through Hermiston's football program, and when his brothers reached high school the Bulldogs were no longer the underdog.

But it wasn't always like this. Many begrudgingly remember the Bulldogs' 62-year skid where even in winning seasons they weren't able to top the Buckaroos.

When the pair met for the first time in 1922, Hermiston claimed the first ever bragging rights. But as seasons came and went the Bulldogs stopped celebrating.

Despite successful seasons and blowouts over numerous teams, the Bulldogs couldn't get anything going when it came time to face the Bucks.

The closest game during the winless drought was in 1941 when the game ended in a tie — the only tie in rivalry's long history.

Prior to this meeting, Pendleton was nothing but dominant and highlighted its run by winning eight consecutive games by a shut-out from 1929-38.

The decades without a win were draining, which made the rivalry all

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The Hermiston Bulldogs football team stand for the National Anthem before their 62-14 win against Redmond on Friday in Hermiston.

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